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Warships in the Baltic

1. [redacted] two large, low-sided vessels [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] passed [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] on an easterly course about 1.2 nautical miles south of the prescribed channel off Dievenow (N54-02, E14-45). They were making between 12 and 15 knots. 25X1
and flew no flag.
2. Three submarines were sighted about 35 nautical miles north-northeast of Gottska Sandon, north of Gotland. [redacted] They proceeded 25X1
in line abreast steering a northerly course at an estimated speed of 14 to 15 nautical miles. Their white bow waves contrasted with their dark-gray hulls. 25X1
They had clipper bows. Their sterns were not discernible because the last quarter of their after sections sloped into the water. All boats had net cutters forward and aft, each with one supporting strut. Their conning towers were comparatively flat, and set-off. They sloped toward the stern. They had an empty gun platform forward of their conning towers. They flew no flag. 25X1
[redacted] They dove four minutes after they were sighted and did not reappear. 25X1
3. A Soviet destroyer was sighted at position (N60-00, E26-01) [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] The destroyer passed [redacted] on a westerly course at a distance of about 5,000 meters and at a speed of 25 knots. The destroyer had two funnels, one turret forward and one aft, a tripod mast aft of the bridge, 25X1
and a small mast in front of the after funnel. A fork-shaped arrangement pointing upward and slanting aft was at the head of the tripod mast. [redacted] 25X1
4. The Soviet minesweepers T-303 and T-742 were sighted proceeding at slow speed on an easterly course near buoy 14 north of Plantagenet Ground [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Both warships [redacted] 25X1

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Searchlight Activity in the Gulf of Finland

5. A searchlight was seen just below the lighthouse on Nargoe (Naissaar) Island, northwest of Tallinn, at about 2300 hours EET on 22 October 1952. It flashed eastward for 10 or 11 seconds at intervals of three minutes.
6. Five or six vessels were executing searchlight exercises about three or five nautical miles southeast of the Helsinki lightship at about 2200 hours EET on 27 October 1952. Their searchlights were just above the waterline and illuminated the surface of the water. No object was observed as a target for the searchlight activity. The vessels were blacked out. The exercise lasted about 15 minutes.

1. Comment: This destroyer probably was a Modified-O-class craft. The fork-shaped arrangement at the head of the tripod mast was previously reported at the smaller mizzen mast.

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